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IN THE CLAIMS

The status of the claims as presently amended is as follows:

1. (*Currently Amended*) A combined structure of a front part of a cabin of an automobile comprising:

a dash panel which is placed in the front part of ~~a cabinet~~ the cabin, extending in the width direction of ~~[[an]]the~~ the automobile, ~~forms forming~~ a tire house bulged toward the inside inwardly of ~~[[a]]the~~ the cabin ~~under at~~ at both left and right lower sides, and has having a panel flange extending rearwardly ~~of vehicles from the proximal end of both edges thereof;~~ and

a front pillar which is formed by a front pillar inner and a front pillar outer joined in ~~a at~~ at respective pillar flanges thereof where they are ~~faced~~ facing each other in the width direction, and in which ~~[[a]]one of the~~ one of the pillar flanges, which extend in the forwardly ~~of vehicles~~ is joined to the panel flange~~[[;]]~~.

wherein ~~the a~~ a front end of the one pillar flange is located more rearwardly ~~of vehicles~~ than the proximal end the respective side edge of the dash panel.

2. (*Original*) The combined structure of a front part of a cabin of an automobile according to claim 1, further comprising a reinforcing member which is attached over the dash panel and the front pillar inner.

3. (*Currently Amended*) The combined structure of a front part of a cabin of an automobile according to claim 2, further comprising:

a side member which extends forwardly ~~and rearward of vehicles,~~ and has having a rear end joined to the dash panel from the outside of the cabin~~[[;]]~~.

wherein the reinforcing member is joined to the dash panel from the inside of ~~[[a]]the~~ the cabin, ~~after the dash panel where the side member has been attached the side member~~ from outside of the cabin.

4. (*Currently Amended*) The combined structure of a front part of a cabin of an automobile according to claim 3, wherein the front pillar inner has an inside wall, and a front wall ~~bending~~ bended outwardly ~~of vehicles from the a~~ from the front-end edge of the inside wall; and ~~the a~~ a rear wall of the reinforcing member comes in contact with a ~~corner~~ bending portion ~~formed by between~~ between the inside wall and the front wall.

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5. *(Currently Amended)* The combined structure of a front part of a cabin of an automobile according to claim 3, further comprising:

a cross member which is extended in the width direction of ~~[[an]]the~~ automobile and joined to a front side of the dash panel from the outside of cabin ~~of the dash panel front,~~ wherein the rear end of the side member is joined to the cross member.

6. *(Currently Amended)* The combined structure of a front part of a cabin of an automobile according to claim 1, wherein the panel flange is joined to the one pillar flange from the inside of ~~[[a]]the~~ cabin.

7. *(Canceled)*

8. *(Currently Amended)* A method of combining a front part of a cabin of an automobile comprising:

a step of joining a panel flange which extends rearwardly ~~of vehicles from the proximal end of both side edges of a dash panel,~~ to a pillar flange which extends forwardly ~~of vehicles from a front pillar inner~~ that forms a front pillar with a front pillar outer, at a position where the front end of the pillar flange is located more rearwardly ~~of vehicles than the proximal end both side edges of the dash panel;~~

a step of joining a reinforcing member to ~~[[a]]the~~ dash panel and ~~[[a]]the~~ front pillar inner;
a step of joining both ends of a cross member which extends in the width direction ~~[[an]]of the~~ automobile, to the a rear end of a side member which extends forwardly ~~and rearward of vehicles;~~

a step of joining the cross member and the side member which have been joined to each other to the dash panel; and

a step of joining ~~[[a]]the~~ pillar flange of ~~[[a]]the~~ front pillar inner and a pillar flange of ~~[[a]]the~~ front pillar outer.